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Photo submitted by Lauren Hunter

From left: Lauren Hunter on her first day with MP Maryam Monsef in Ottawa.

Destination: Parliament Hill

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Lauren Hunter recalls taking a phone call from an old high school friend while on her deck last summer.

Little did she know that would lead her to an exciting career opportunity in a familiar setting.

"She was looking to get some political advice about a decision she was making," said Hunter, recounting her conversation in August of 2014 with Maryam Monsef, the newly-elected MP for Peterborough-Kawartha. "That was the decision as to whether or not she would run for mayor for the City of Peterborough. We had a good, long conversation and at the end of it she sort of said I'd love it if you could be part of this team in some way."

A self-described "political nerd," Hunter jumped at the opportunity. She had been watching Monsef from afar and was impressed by what she saw.

"I said, 'Yeah. You seem like a person who should be in politics; you've got the right approach and your heart is in the right place,'" she said.

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Minden gives Santa new directions

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Santa Claus will indeed be coming to town this year but will be meeting kids at a different location in Minden than originally planned.

Minden Hills councillors had a lengthy conversation at a committee of the whole meeting on Nov. 12 about the Santa Claus parade route and endpoint planned for Nov.21.

The events committee had recommended and advertised the route to end with a Santa meet and greet at the cultural centre, but councillors opted to end the float route at the municipal parking lot off of Milne Street instead. The change was made to help encourage parade goers to visit downtown businesses directly after the parade or a visit with Santa.

"It seems like a small thing, but I think it's a big thing," Ward 1 councillor Lisa Schell told The Highlander. "As a council member, it's my job to do what I feel is best for the town. Business owners pay taxes and I feel we owe it to them to get people into town as often as we can."

Schell said having the parade end downtown creates an incentive for families to stop in at restaurants for lunch after meeting with Santa.

"Any business owners I've spoken to have said, 'that's great, thank you, we find it does have an impact,'" said Schell.

"We usually see a few more people [during events]," said Shelly Crowe who works at Country Magic on Bobcaygeon Road. "I think that's fine if Santa is nearby, instead of out further. People might park in the parking lots, come in for the parade and then take a look in the stores."

The council chambers on Milne Street is the new spot for Santa to visit with kids after the

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Hunter sad to be leaving the Highlands

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During Monsef's campaign for mayor, Hunter provided advice by phone and email in her spare time. She also made the occasional trip to Peterborough.

Although she didn't win, Monsef finished a close second to the incumbent, Daryl Bennett.

For the past two years, Hunter served as member services representative for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. She moved to Ingoldsby from Ottawa, where she worked for a research think tank and held the position of executive assistant to MPP Yasir Naqvi.

Shortly after the municipal election, Monsef decided to throw her name in the ring for the Liberal nomination in Peterborough-Kawartha.

The two friends, who attended Peterborough Collegiate Vocational School together, were back in touch.

"I indicated that I would support her however she needed if she were to do that."

Hunter planned on helping in a similar role, once again on a part-time basis.

Monsef and her team needed more support this time around and asked if she would consider taking a leave of absence from the chamber.

For two months, Hunter was Monsef's voter contact chair and office manager in Peterborough.

On Oct. 19, the 30-year-old Monsef became the youngest and first female MP in the riding.

"It's all been a fantastic experience. I have met a number of wonderful people who are active in ... the riding and are just so excited about the possibility of her candidacy," said Hunter, pointing out that Monsef ran because she wants to give back to the community.

When she was 11 years old, Monsef's mother moved the family from Afghanistan to Peterborough. According to her website, she has been part of more than 30 community-based action committees and served on numerous boards. Monsef co-founded the Red Pashmina Campaign, which has raised over $150,000 for women and girls in Afghanistan.

Shortly after being elected, Monsef was named Minister for Democratic Institutions in Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's cabinet.

When the election was over, Monsef asked Hunter if she would continue working with her as executive assistant at her constituency office. If the answer was yes, that meant Hunter would need to make some difficult decisions.

"I said I would have to chat with my partner Dan and that we would make the decision together because it would mean leaving the community here," she said.

The two concluded this was an opportunity that Hunter couldn't pass up. She tendered her resignation from the chamber on Oct. 26.

It wasn't an easy move for Hunter, who developed an attachment to the Haliburton community and the people in it.

"It was definitely bittersweet," she said. "I do have a connection to this community in that I was a camper at YMCA Wanakita and worked full-time here. Haliburton has always been a second home, even as my family moved around the province."

Hunter also looks back fondly on her time with the chamber.

"It's been an absolute pleasure to work at the [Haliburton Highlands] Chamber of Commerce."

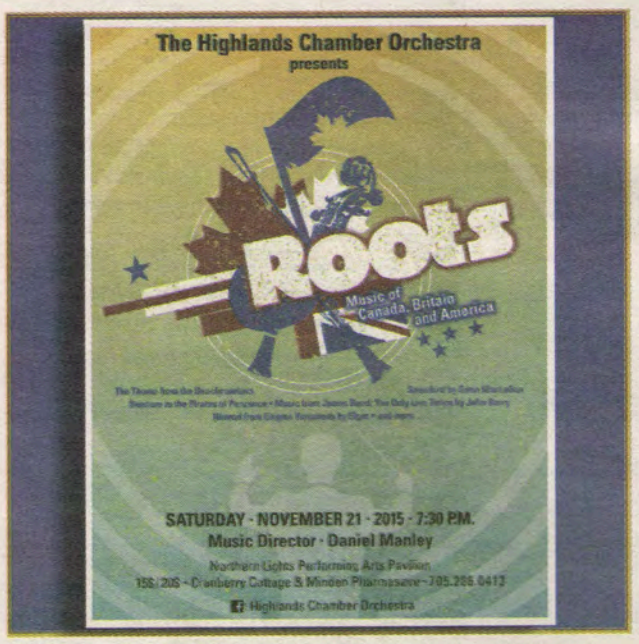
Chamber manager Rosemarie Jung said they are in the process of finding a replacement for Hunter and have already received some applications. Jung wishes nothing but the best for Hunter.

"It was a godsend to have her with us. She brought some incredible expertise and knowledge to the chamber," said Jung. "We're absolutely thrilled for her."

Asked what she hopes to accomplish during her time in the role, Hunter says she would like to help inspire young people to pursue their goals.

"I think we as young women have an important role to play in continuing to carve that path for the young women and men who will follow behind us. If I could help inspire a few more young people to get involved in politics – that would be very meaningful for me."

Hunter's position at the chamber was posted online and in local newspapers. The application deadline was Nov. 12 and the Chamber is hopeful to have the position filled by early December.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Milne Street new finish line for Santa Claus

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parade. Santa Claus, who volunteers to visit kids in Minden, had given feedback to councillors about previous meet and greet locations. He said the village green didn't provide adequate protection from inclement weather and the setup at the Bowron House at the cultural centre didn't enable kids to see him from the queue, creating a lack of anticipation.

Ward 3 councillor Jean Neville and Ward 1 councillor Jeanne Anthon sit on the events committee, a sub-committee of the community services committee. Neville told *The Highlander* that minutes from previous events committee meetings, when the Santa Claus parade route was planned, should have been brought to council earlier. The Nov. 12 agenda was made available to councillors days before the meeting.

"I was kind of blindsided there in council," she said. "It had been advertised so it was a bit of a shock to have to change it at the last minute. It's caused a lot of difficulties."

Neville said the change didn't allow the planning staff time to reapply for road closure permits. She said staff also had to reorganize parade participants and arrange alternative plans for marshalling the event.

"I feel very badly that I wasn't better prepared to defend the proposed route," said Neville. "If I was given some concerns ahead of time, I would have been better prepared and I feel really badly for staff that it's putting them through such a lot more work and anxiety over this."

Township staff had spent about a week designing and building a set for Santa in the Nature's Place building on the cultural centre grounds. The meet and greet occurs at the same time as the Festival of the Trees, an annual Christmas-themed event held at the centre. Neville said having the Santa meet and greet in the same complex promotes the festival, which helps raise funds for cultural centre programs.

Staff said visitors to the Festival of the Trees event can still use it for their own photo opportunities.

"I think we're disappointed the decision was reversed," said Festival of the Trees chair Pam Smith. "It was just a lovely setting and it was very comfortable."

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Vandal hits local businesses

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A 20-year-old local man has been charged with nine counts of mischief after several businesses, homes and signs were defaced with red spray paint.

OPP Const. Sean Hawley told *The Highlander* police believe the vandalism was done sometime between the night of Nov. 13 and the next morning.

"The first one that was reported to us was the Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacy [in Haliburton]," said Hawley. "They showed up for work and noticed the vandalism."

On Monday, what appeared to be the word "fear" was visible on one of the pharmacy windows. Although he didn't see the graffiti himself, Hawley said "there was some lettering that referred to an acronym for something."

He said the investigating officer canvassed the downtown area and located most of the graffiti. However, one resident flagged down the officer after her home was sprayed.

"There were some marks on the sidewalk as well," he pointed out.

Pet Valu, the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society, H&R Block, the Dysart library branch, two homes, bridge railings and road signs were targeted in the spree.

Photo by Mark Arike
The Shoppers Drug Mart in Haliburton was one of the businesses affected by the graffiti.

Hawley explained the officer followed the trail of graffiti, which stretched from Maple Avenue to Sunnyside Street and down Highway 118 toward Carnarvon.

"That, in fact, was in the direction of where the accused lives," he said. "In the course of doing that, he received an anonymous tip."

Ray Miscio, director of parks and recreation for Dysart, said he was in the midst of looking into the damage on public property.

"We are currently just checking out some areas that had been damaged and [are] trying to see what paint we can get off and what has to be replaced," he wrote in an email on Nov. 17.

While it's "still too early to tell," Miscio doesn't expect the damage to exceed $1,000 in repairs.

Jacob Colquhoun is charged with nine counts of mischief under $5,000. He is scheduled to make his first court appearance in Minden on Jan. 6.

Dysart brainstorms vision statement

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Dysart will soon have its own vision statement as part of the municipality's economic development plan.

On Nov. 10, members of the community got together at the Haliburton Highlands Museum to hash out their ideas in order to develop a few key sentences that will sum up what Dysart is all about.

"You drafted some great ideas and suggestions [on Sept. 29], some are very much on track with a vision statement," said Judy Coward, development advisor with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

At their previous meeting, committee members came up with several words they would like to see used when describing the community. The word prosperous was at the top of the list.

"The word prosperous came up very frequently and that's wonderful," said Coward, adding "the entire group has great aspirations for the future of Dysart."

In the spring, the municipality took steps toward creating an economic development strategy. About 60 people attended the first workshop which saw local residents, business owners, service providers and others brainstorm ideas and tackle complicated issues such as housing and job creation.

After the first meeting, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told *The Highlander* that economic development has been on "everybody's mind" since the municipal election more than a year ago.

As a result of initial discussions, six themes were identified: culture and recreation, environment and economy, housing, business retention and expansion, youth retention, and volunteer and community capacity.

In September, subgroups were formed to include business, housing and the environment. Two committees that were already in existence included the recreation advisory committee and the cultural resources committee.

By reviewing the vision statements and key words they came up with in September, each person was asked to extract what they felt was most important. Some of the other key words that were chosen included vibrant, progressive, clean, sustainable and innovative.

Coward said the vision statement sets the tone for the municipality's economic strategy.

After discussing several options at length, the group decided to move on and review priorities for each subgroup.

Gail Stelter spoke about the recreation committee's four priorities, which included the creation of a marketing plan, youth recreation programs and opportunities, and creating "a culture of winter."

Access to high-speed Internet was at the top of the list for the business committee.

"Overwhelmingly, Internet access has been our focus," said Aaron Walker. "Since none of us are experts on the Internet, it's obviously a very lengthy discussion."

The committee identified "communications enhancements" as the main roadblock to attracting new businesses to the area. They would like to see discussions held—at the county level—with Bell and Rogers to look at the options.

The members of the housing committee tackled student housing, seniors' housing and the availability of land. One of their wishes is to see a residence for students attending Haliburton's Fleming College campus built in two years.

Fearrey pointed out the municipality will appoint an economic development committee on Dec. 14. Six people will be invited to join that committee plus three councillors. The committee will have their first meeting on Jan. 11. They will then present their priorities to council on Jan. 25. Finally, they will formulate recommendations for "priority actions and budget considerations."

CAO Tamara Wilbee confirmed they will make a recommendation as to what the vision statement should be.

Fearrey thanked everyone for their time and commitment over the past few months.

"I think we are making some progress here. I know it's been painfully slow, but the world isn't built in a day either," he said.

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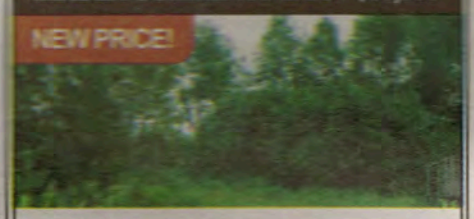

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Editorial opinion

Judge not

By Sue Tiffin

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On Remembrance Day, familiar faces gathered together throughout the community to pay respect to our veterans.

Civilians adjusted poppies and carefully laid wreaths. Children were wide-eyed but silent. Veterans showed dignified recognition to those known and unknown who gave their lives.

During the moment of silence, entire towns became still. People stopped to honour those who wore a uniform and bravely endured battle.

That morning, Haliburton County residents gave people who served the respect they deserve. But the afternoon told a different story.

A few hours after that ceremony, a police cruiser went off the road and landed in a ditch along Hwy 21 between Minden and Haliburton.

The Highlander regularly posts news updates to its social media pages. In this case, a car accident was no different.

We don't often see police cruisers in car crashes and so it was a rare sight. Yet the spread of the post - it reached more than 104,000 people - was surprising.

With police tight-lipped until the investigation is complete, we still don't know what happened to cause the crash. Distracted driving or otherwise inadequate professional behaviour might be at fault, but so too might be a medical emergency. That didn't stop the public from speculating about wrongdoing on social media, using mockery and profanity to vilify and insult the as-yet unnamed driver of the car, who escaped with minor injuries. Few expressed concern for the driver or his family.

No one would argue the experience of war is horrific compared to the average day in a police officer's life. But we still owe respect to those who serve to protect us on a daily basis in times of peace.

We live in a time when widespread criticism of occasional corrupt behaviour can quickly incite generalized anti-police sentiment. It's imperative for a healthy society that we also recognize the positive contribution our police force makes to rural communities.

Our police officers are members of our community. They live alongside us. We ask our children to trust and turn to them in time of need. We depend on them in a crisis. The same people who work a tough overnight shift – a shift their families worry could be their last – are the neighbours we chat with at the grocery store or see at school parents' nights.

More than half of the police force who serve Haliburton County live in this community. Anti-police sentiment does injustice to our fellow residents who go to work with the potential for life-altering accidents each day.

We should all take a moment to pause and consider the words we use and the legacy of messages we leave. Remember our words can be weapons. Lest we forget.

Stand strong

By Jack Brezina

The moody weather of November added to the feeling of unease that came with the news of the attacks in Paris. The rain and winds seemed to presage the arrival of the first bulletins and then another and then more, tumbling over each other each with news of an escalation, a new tragedy.

We were attending the Friday night screenings at the Haliburton International Film Festival and arrived at the theatre with early news of the events unfolding in Europe. There were minor updates during the break between the two films and then the dash home to tune in to watch the depressing news.

It is not easy watching this sort of tragedy unfold. Not only do our hearts reach out to those who died or were injured and their families, but we are also lost in our own confusion: how can we comprehend the twisted thinking that motivates a group of people to take up arms, create explosive devices and rain terror on unsuspecting innocents? What goal could this carnage hope to achieve? What agenda is moved forward?

Like the days and weeks following the attack on the World Trade Centre and Pentagon, or the Westgate Mall in Kenya, no answer emerges from the gloom of the aftermath. There is no sensible reason that can be attached to these acts to provide some rationale for them. They defy definition. And perhaps that is our only refuge… that we will never really understand the motivation of someone who thinks they can change the world with bullets and dynamite.

What we do know, however, is that these types of actions are becoming much too commonplace. They are reaching deeper into civil society and ripping at the fabric that holds us together. In addition to ferreting out the perpetrators and attempting to blunt their ability to mount similar attacks, there is little we can do other than denounce the terror and stand shoulder to shoulder with those affected. That is what happened following 9-11 and we see it unfolding around the world in the past week as nations, organizations and individuals declared their solidarity with Parisians.

Weep for those senselessly cut down and let us declare our resolve not to let the actions of a few demented people deflect our desire for a better and more peaceful world. Stand strong and resolute in face of terror.

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Editorial opinion

Ice technician a role model

Dear editor,

After reading your article "It's all in the ice" about our very own Ken Riley, I felt it important to add to it. To explain that he is not only a "Certified Ice Technician", he is a well-loved & highly respected individual in our arena family.

Yes, our ice may be known as the best in the county and we certainly appreciate all of his hard work to make it so, but more importantly, Ken is a role model for our kids, as shown by the many gifts hand made by little fingers hanging in his office. He's watched many of our kids grow from toddler to teen and consistently cheered them on all the way.

Ken never turns away a set of small helping hands and is the first to congratulate them on a job well done. He is a friend to kids and parents alike and our arena most definitely would not be the same without him.

Cheers to you, Ken Riley! On behalf of all of the families who frequent the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena and are made to feel welcome and part of the wonderful atmosphere you help to create there.

Sincerely,
Amy Toye

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

A Barred Owl watches over the frosted forest.

Photo by Walter Griffin

TheOutsider

Top trumps

By Will Jones

A while back, and by while I mean a couple of years ago, I was taught how to play euchre, a card game I had not heard of before emigrating to Canada but which I learned was brought to the New World by German settlers in the 18th Century. I have to admit, the knowledge that the game traveled with immigrants destined to build new lives and new colonies in the United States and Canada must not have had much impact upon me. After playing euchre one drunken night with friends in Ottawa, I promptly forgot about the history lesson and how to play the game.

Fast forward to last week and the evening of a particularly rainy day, when I was sitting in the hunt camp. There were boots and sweaters slowly steaming dry all around me and a good portion of the hunting party had already opted to put an end to the day and start sawing logs (that's snoring for those uninitiated to the oft deafening night time chorus of the camp bunkhouse). Those of us remaining had talked all things hunting for as long as we could and were now sat relatively silent, save for the odd fart, when some bright spark chirped up, "let's play euchre."

"Hey, Willy, you know euchre don't ya?"

"Nope, not really," I had to admit, "but I'll give it a go and probably thrash you're Canadian backsides at it."

Maybe not the wisest move, but my chums at the hunt camp allow me such quips once in a while and I was merely slapped a little too heartily on the back and shoved into a chair.

So, there I was, learning euchre again. Or rather, I was being 'schooled' in it by Bob Misalotski and two generations of the Perrin boys (the third and wisest generation of the Perrin family was already in bed due to previous strenuous exertions with a bottle of Lambs). Bob was on my side, sort of. He sat behind me and kicked me hard whenever I was about to make a really bad move. He also snickered quite a lot whenever I made any kind of move. I assured myself this was Bob's version of a poker face; his idea being that if he chuckled at my every move our opponents would never quite know which were the bad ones and which were only mediocre.

Across from me, my partner, was Ron Jr., a strong silent type who pulled heavily on his cigarette every time I took a turn. To either side were father and son, Shaun and Tyler. Dad tried to keep boy in check but each time I made an, how shall I put it, unconventional move Tyler would howl with laughter and make jibes about my English heritage.

I slowly got the hang of the game with help from Bob, encouragement from Ron Jr. (the mere fact that he stopped chain smoking made me feel I was making some headway) and courage from Mr. Rum and Mrs. Coke. The things that kept tripping me up though were the bowers, the left one in particular. Down it would come and I'd slam a low trump on top and go to scrape the hand to me.

"No, no, no," was the chorus, "that's left, you English idiot!"

Damn!

"Not very good with your lefts and rights, are you Willy?"

I glowered at the hand: "Directions never were a strong suit of mine," I said. "I ended up here didn't I?!"

A hand banged down on the table. Then, everyone fell about laughing. These Perrin fellows certainly knew how to enjoy themselves. We played for a good three hours and at times I felt like I knew what I was doing but alas – these were fleeting moments in a whirlwind of trumps that almost always got the better of me.

In the end, Tyler and his Dad had beaten Ron Jr. and me, pretty comprehensively. My partner took the defeat gracefully, never once pointing the finger of blame at the now somewhat inebriated Englishmen. Then, we turned off the generator and retired to the bunkhouse, to face a whole new whirlwind of trumps that came with a kick far worse than those in any euchre hand.

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *Would Haliburton County benefit from hosting a large music festival?*

Jon Sims
Haliburton

"It's the age old 'not in my back yard' scenario. I see the benefit of having one and the benefits of not having one, in that I have empathy for both sides of the argument."

John Bailey
Haliburton

"I'm not really a fan of music festivals, but the county would certainly benefit and it's not a bad idea to try. It would be too bad to have it all organized and the weather didn't cooperate. The weather plays a huge role."

Cosmina Nistor
Haliburton

"I think, economically, it would be a very beneficial thing for the community. It would bring tourists to the area and as long as it's not environmentally damaging and there is a plan for the clean-up, I think it would be great."

Kaela Palmer
Haliburton

"I think it would be great. It would bring the younger population into the county and local businesses could benefit from the money brought into the community. The space could even be used year round, not just in the summer months."

Janet Trull
Fort Irwin

In my opinion, there's never enough music in the world. My kids go to a lot of music festivals and they love them.

Photos and interviews by Jennifer Hughey and Mark Arike

Peanuts a real danger to some children

Dear editor,

I am a Registered Nurse at both of our local hospitals, as well as the mother of a child with multiple food allergies. My daughter attends ASES and is seriously allergic to PEANUTS. I am writing to further educate children and their families on how important it is to follow the peanut-aware rules in schools.

I am aware there are many people who do not fully understand allergies, or who do not believe that allergies are "real". Food allergies are actually a very misunderstood concept, even in the medical community.

There has been a rise in the number of food allergies over the years. Many of us would be hard-pressed to remember even one child who had an allergy when we attended school. The belief that over time, our civilized world has become more aware of diseases and germs, and we have tried to protect ourselves, we have in fact decreased the body's ability to provide immunity to certain things and essentially confused it. In some, this means the body is not able to differentiate between something safe and something threatening and so if a food is seen as threatening, the body basically goes into attack mode on itself. There is also a hereditary factor, meaning some of us have passed on our allergic tendencies to our children.

Even the slightest contamination of the school environment can cause a threat to an allergic child. If a child brings a peanut product to school and then eats this product at school or on the bus, they have potentially transferred peanut proteins (the part of the peanut that causes the allergic reaction) onto many surfaces through their hands, their desk or any other surface (doorknob, tap, wall surface, handrail, backpack, sports equipment, etc.) they touch prior to properly washing their hands. An allergic child may then touch their own food, or bring their hands to their mouth and contaminate themselves unknowingly. They may also have a sibling that unknowingly touch contaminated surfaces and then carry residue home on their belongings. It only takes a small amount to trigger a life threatening reaction.

Allergic children should be taught to always be aware of their environment, to wash their hands regularly and to not share food. They are expected to be quite responsible for themselves, more so than the average child who doesn't really need to question their surroundings. Please try to imagine the allergic child; carefully watching what her/his peers are consuming, being vigilant about hand washing, constantly worrying about whether others are abiding by a rule that is in place to protect her/his life.

As a parent of an allergic child I have educated my daughter to be responsible and aware in order for her to be as safe as possible. We face the reality of potential allergen exposures whenever she leaves our home, and accept that it's a part of our life. We know that when going into a grocery store, a mall, or especially a family centered event like a zoo or theme park, we must be on high alert to potential allergens. We do not expect these places we visit occasionally be strictly peanut-free, we accept that there's a level of risk.

What I do expect is that my child will be safe when attending school. I am sure that parents and family of a non-allergic child expect the same. A safe, non-threatening environment for our child/children, as it is an extension of their home environment. During the school year kids are in school, during waking hours, more than they are awake and active at home! Every single child deserves to BE and FEEL safe when at home and school.

I understand a child may not eat anything other than peanut butter sandwiches and that a parent may feel angry that they're unable to find a different source of nourishment for them. If this is similar to your situation, I ask that you try to understand what it means to another child or family if you break the Peanut Aware rules by allowing your child/children their favourite food at school. There are other times, such as at breakfast or as an after school snack, when they can eat and enjoy peanut products. Please don't let it be during the school hours. There are resources available that will help in suggesting alternative foods for your child/children.

If you have children in our school system, please take the time to ask your child/children if they know of any children at their school who have allergies. Please ask them if they understand what happens if these children are exposed to an allergen, like peanuts.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this, and I thank you for trying to understand this very serious issue.

Sincerely,
Christina Allore
Minden

Highlander news

Algonquin Highlands finds new planner

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands has recruited its second planner this year.

Sean O'Callaghan is a registered professional planner has traded in a similar role in Huntsville for the position vacated by Kim Horrigan, who left for family reasons after only four months on the job.

O'Callaghan was chosen from a field of 14 applicants. In a phone interview on Nov. 16, his first day on the job, he said he's looking forward to being part of the development community in Algonquin Highlands.

"The thing I like about planning is you're sort of balancing different interest groups; the individual, the community and the environment, finding a happy medium for all of them," said O'Callaghan. "The natural environment in this area is an important thing. It needs to be protected."

"I'm just really looking forward to this new opportunity and meeting new people in the community."

Having a dedicated planner has become increasingly important for the township, deputy reeve Liz Danielsen said in an email.

"Planning matters have become so much more complicated over the years and it was becoming a challenge for our planning administrator…to keep up with things without the support of a planning consultant," said Danielsen.

"Kim Corrigan was a welcome addition to the staff last June and we were very sorry to lose her. However, Sean comes to us with strong qualifications and we look forward to him tackling our files."

O'Callaghan's career path has been smooth, even serendipitous, beginning in high school. The Bracebridge native took a co-op course,

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> Sean **O'Callaghan**
> Registered planner

ended up with a planning position, and enjoyed it so much he went on to study urban and regional planning at Ryerson University.

When O'Callaghan graduated in 2010, a planning technician role was available with the Town of Huntsville. He took that and later became planner/site planning coordinator.

The Algonquin Highlands position "seemed like a good natural progression of my career," said O'Callaghan.

The role is similar to the one he had in Huntsville, including rezoning, severances, closures of road allowances, and dealing with the public.

Currently O'Callaghan lives in Port Sydney. He said his commute takes about an hour, and that's a motivation to consider moving to the township as well.

A downhill skier, snowmobiler and golfer, O'Callaghan said he was grateful the Huntsville role gave him the opportunity to leave the city as soon as he graduated and he's "absolutely" happy to stay in this area.

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Sean O'Callaghan started Nov. 16 as the new planner for Algonquin Highlands.

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Highlander news

Pinestone trails spark discussion at AGM

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Photo by Alex Coop
Board members of the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association take questions from members during their AGM.

It was the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association's recent decision to no longer maintain Pinestone's ski trails that sparked the most discussion at the annual general meeting on Nov. 14.

The association's board of directors voted not to maintain the resort's trails, which are situated on the golf course, in late October in order to save $3,000 or 25 per cent in capital costs. The decision was based largely on findings from a member survey dating back a couple of years ago which noted the Pinestone trails were the least used of all the association's four trail systems.

"There was lots of back and forth discussion," said Thom Lambert, vice-chair of the association in reference to the discussions they had with Pinestone during the past several weeks. Members of the association who attended the AGM at Fleming College on Nov. 14 had several questions regarding the efforts made by the board in pursuit of a deal with Pinestone.

Lambert and president Mike Darlington said the association offered Pinestone a reciprocal deal almost immediately after they found out the resort had decided to groom its own trails. The proposed deal would have allowed the association's season passes to work on Pinestone's trails. Nordic Trails would have honoured the resort's day passes on their own trail systems in return.

Pinestone responded with a counter agreement shortly after Nordic Trail's initial proposal, which according to Lambert, stated the association had 48 hours to sign. Pinestone wanted both parties' season passes to function on each other's trail systems.

"The management of The Pinestone seems to not really understand that we are a not for profit that meets every month and that we can't make a decision on a day-to-day basis like a business can. Communication between the two organizations was very difficult," he said.

Darlington said he made several calls to Pinestone in hopes of establishing a time during which both parties could meet.

"I couldn't get them to talk," he said.

John Telijeur, general manager of the Pinestone Resort said he was away from his office on one occasion when a call was put to his office regarding the reciprocal deal. In addition, he said he understands the stress Nordic Trails was under when the counter agreement was provided to them, but noted Pinestone was under pressure as well.

"We didn't ask this to happen to us and we wanted this trail system to open," Telijeur said. "So we had to move forward as quickly as possible, which means we have to arrange a lot of things like insurance, machines, volunteers and paid groomers. Time wasn't on our side. So if that means we have to ask them to move a little quicker so we can move forward after they cut us off then it is what it is."

He added the resort's focus at this point is the 2015/2016 winter and ensuring their trails are in top shape.

Lambert said the board is open to future opportunities with Pinestone and is willing to re-examine the partnership next year. He explained it's why the board did not ask the membership to vote on the situation, since the decision wasn't considered permanent.

"It just has to make sense for this association," Lambert said. "We have to not be in competition with each other and make sure we're not competing with a lower priced season's pass that we would result in us losing massive amounts of revenue."

Board member Mac Ellis said the Pinestone's trails required a lot of work that didn't always result in profitable results.

"It wasn't a money-maker, but more of a work-maker," Ellis said. "It wasn't much of an advantage to us."

Members chimed in during the discussion, many of whom seemed to agree that everything was done to try and achieve a positive resolution. However, some also felt an opportunity was missed to develop a new relationship with the Pinestone.

"I think we chopped off a significant arm," one member said.

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Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Susan Ungar, vice-president of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, Varouj Eskedjian, HHHS CEO and Mickey Bonham, Auxiliary president attended the 6th annual gala on Nov. 14

Auxiliary raises over $9,000 for hospital

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

It was an evening of bidding for charity for those who attended the Annual Minden Health Care Auxiliary Gala on Nov. 14. Despite a lower attendance at the Minden Community Centre compared to previous years, the sixth annual event still raised over $9,000 for the local hospital.

According to Auxiliary president Mickey Bonham, the success should also be credited to the help of over 20 volunteer members who plan the event in advance.

"We start planning about eight months out, but really it's the last two months that are the busiest," Bonham said.

Many who have attended the Gala in the past knew what to expect, heading straight to the silent auction items on display for bidding. From original paintings to a five kilogram bag of peanuts, over 100 items were donated by local businesses in Minden in support.

However, some guests seemed a bit surprised and some disappointed over the lack of the traditionally run Loonie auction. In previous years, guests have been able to bid on the silent auction items and purchase 50/50 tickets on top of participating in the Loonie auction.

Bonham said after approaching the Township of Minden Hills, they were told the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) had come out with new regulations regarding any auction where there is an element of chance.

"We were told they have pretty much banned Loonie auctions," Bonham said. "It seems as though they have tightened things up in the past couple of years."

The Township's Deputy Clerk Cheryl McCarroll confirmed the changes made by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to their charity gaming legislation guide and licencing types happened on July 1, 2015.

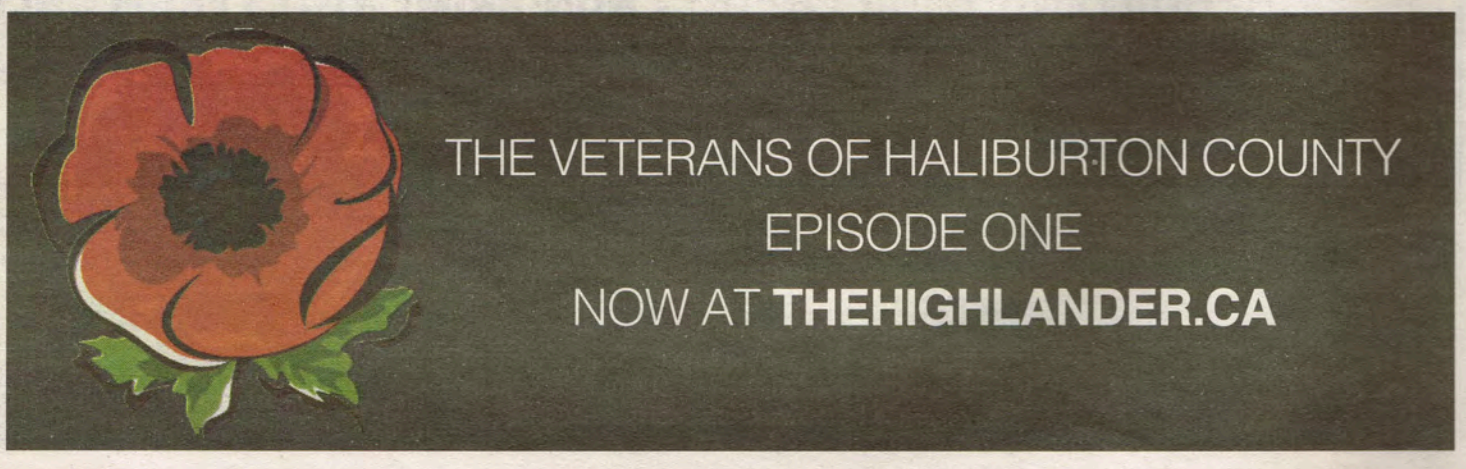
"You have to meet a certain criteria now," she said, stating applications for silent auctions are almost always approved because the element of chance is removed but moving forward, they will not be legally able to issue licences for some things they were able to in the past.

"We know it's for a good cause and every penny we can raise for the hospital benefits everyone," she said, "but they are now illegal."

Despite the setback, Bonham said the Auxiliary are very happy with the proceeds.

"We have made $10,000-$11,000 in previous years, but this year was not that far off," Bonham said. "Considering we were down in our numbers, I think the people who attended this year were very generous."

A John Lennard painting went for nearly $1,000 and the winner of the Wheelbarrow Raffle was John Thomas, owner of Stedmans V&S in Minden, marking the first time a local resident has won.



Highlander news

Municipalities see second round of OPP increases

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

As part of a five-year phase in which began last year, local municipalities are being hit with a higher policing bill in 2016.

Algonquin Highlands will see an increase of about 47 per cent or $237,000 in policing costs from last year. Dysart is dealing with an increase of about 31.6 per cent or $455,000. Highlands East is facing an increase of 28 per cent or $238,500. In Minden Hills, the total bill has risen by almost 27 per cent or $391,800.

Since the new billing model came into effect this past January, policing costs have more than doubled across the county from $3.3 million per year to about $6.5 million. The impact is being felt through a five-year phase-in period.

"It's going to have a very negative effect on the overall tax rate—this year and next year again," said Dysart Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey in a phone interview. "Plus we're not even sure if there's other increases possibly going to be built in there, depending on wage settlements and overhead."

Fearrey said Dysart's phase-in adjustment for the coming year will result in a seven per cent increase in the tax levy.

"It's not a good situation," he said. "We have to levy what we got billed. So right now we're locked into it."

Around the County table, Fearrey said "there is a pushback to try and hold the line somewhere."

"In our humble opinion, at the County and Dysart, it's still not a very equitable way of doing it."

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, who also sits on County council, pointed out that there are several groups—such as the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and the Association of Municipalities Ontario—lobbying for change when it comes to the billing model.

"We are continuing to push the government on this issue," said Devolin, referring to County council.

The message being sent is that the model is "the biggest thorn in our side," he said.

Minden Hills residents are looking at a 6.24 per cent increase in the levy due to OPP billing.

Devolin believes the model is flawed because it doesn't properly account for those seasonal residents who spend more nights at their cottage than their home in the city.

"For statistical purposes, of which all levels of government use for funding, they still show as a resident of the GTA," he explained.

"I'm saying that multiplier they're using

File photo

Since January, policing costs have doubled from $3.3 million per year to nearly $6.5 million across the county.

times the base calculation isn't sophisticated enough."

He added this would have a significant impact on the base calculation found in the model.

Under the new model, each household, as well as commercial and industrial properties, pays a base cost of $200.18. With the calls for service component, the total cost is anywhere between $240 and $290 per property.

Sixty per cent of each municipality's bill is made up of base costs (routine patrols, crime prevention activities, operating expenses, etc.) while the remaining 40 per cent is based on calls for service (accidents, crimes in progress, etc.).

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County in brief

Emergency replacement of Francis Bridge

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Replacing Francis Road Bridge in Gelert will cost Minden Hills township an estimated $222,900. The bridge was noted to have rotted decking in October and currently has a five tonne limit placed on it as a result.

An inspection by engineering consultants from WSP Canada and Minden Hills township staff showed the need for emergency replacement. Wait time for a prefabricated bridge is approximately three months, so in the meantime, the engineer consultant recommended plywood sheets as a temporary solution to help protect the structure throughout the winter.

The township will contract the winter maintenance work out so the bridge is plowed at least twice a week during the 2015/2016 winter season.

Hit-and-run suspect to make second court appearance

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A 28-year-old Minden man accused of failing to remain at the scene of an accident will make his next court appearance on Dec. 2.

On Sept. 13, a man was found unconscious, lying on the side of the road by two people who were passing through town. Police were called to the area of Bobcaygeon Road, near Deep Bay Road, around 2:30 a.m.

The victim, also a 28-year-old local man, was first transported to a local hospital before being airlifted to a trauma centre in the Toronto area. He was listed in critical condition on the day of the incident.

Police did not reveal his identity.

"The investigation is ongoing so we are not releasing the name of [the] victim," community services officer Dianna Dauphinee told the paper on Sept. 18. "We cannot speak to his injuries, medical records are protected by privacy laws."

Officers at the scene were able to retrieve debris, which was believed to be from the suspect vehicle. Technical Traffic Collision investigators from the OPP were also involved in the investigation.

Haliburton Highlands OPP announced that Minden resident Andrew Bull turned himself in to police several hours later.

Bull was charged with failing to stop at the scene of an accident involving bodily harm contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

He made his first court appearance in Minden on Nov. 4.

Four buildings to be demolished in Minden

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

After years of sitting empty, four buildings in Minden Hills are coming down. Pritchard House and a house at 2 Prince Street are considered too costly to repair and have been recommended for demolition at the Nov. 12 committee of the whole meeting in Minden.

Earlier this year, the Gelert Hall and Snowdon Roads shed were also approved for demolition. It will cost about $35,000 to take down all four buildings. Environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram said stones from Gelert Hall and Pritchard House were salvageable. Asbestos from both Gelert Hall and Pritchard House is slated to be removed by the end of this year. "I'm sorry to see the Pritchard House go, but I understand why we have to do it," said councillor Pam Sayne. "I don't want to see it go any more than anyone else," Ingram told *The Highlander*. Ingram couldn't confirm what the empty land might be used for in the future.

Minden farmers' market set to return

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The first Minden farmers' market was successful enough to return in 2016, though it might look a little different.

Angel Taylor, president of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, reported the performance of the inaugural market during a Minden Hills committee of the whole meeting on Nov. 12. She said despite the Minden market running for a shorter time than the Carnarvon and Haliburton markets, also organized by the association, vendors and patrons were highly satisfied with the venture.

An average of 15-18 vendors ran the market in the municipal parking lot for 11 weeks. It started in June and earned almost $77,000. In a survey, 38 per cent of respondents were local while 46 per cent were seasonal. According to the report, about 6500 people visited the Minden market and two of three patrons were likely to visit local businesses while they were out.

The three markets combined brought in almost $478,000 in total. The association made recommendations for improvement based on vendor and consumer feedback. These included better signage advertising location, a more suitable location for visibility and market growth and possibly synching the time of the farmers' market with the artisan market that occurs on the same day.

Minden Hills reeve Brent Devolin said councillors were committed to helping support the market.

Nordic Trails AGM at Fleming College

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Finances were a large part of the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association's annual general meeting on Nov. 14 at Fleming College.

Board members spearheaded a lengthy discussion regarding what would be a good cycle for an auditor's report and whether or not they should hire a professional to verify the numbers.

President of the association Mike Darlington said discussions are ongoing regarding an audit reviews. Options ranging from asking someone internally, to hiring a professional, were brought up. Despite a net income of $21,842 after expenses, which was shown the association's profit and losses sheet, members raised the point of further clarifying certain details within the document, like capital expenses.

The steps taken by the board to ensure transparency within the association through the creation of its publicly available profit and losses sheet was commended.

Chris Whittemore was the only board nomination.

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Highlander life

Photo by Lisa Harrison

The Water Ambassadors were at the Haliburton Beer Store on Nov. 13, fundraising for their upcoming trip to Nicaragua. From left: Craig Bowker, Jen Casey, Brenda McKee, Victoria Archibald, Regan Casey, Cole Finlay and Beth Archibald. Missing from the photo were Isaac Graham, Paul Graham, Kiana Lavergne, Kyle Lavergne and Brenden McKee.

HHSS students get ready for mission trip

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Grade 11 student Victoria Archibald and her mother didn't know their desire to embark on a mission trip would inspire others to join them.

"I thought I was going to go with a bunch of random people," said Archibald, who is also a member of Lakeside Baptist Church.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student and her mom Beth got in touch with Brenda McKee, team coordinator for Water Ambassadors Canada. Their plan was to go on a trip to an impoverished part of the world in February.

Archibald then began asking her friends if they would consider coming along. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

Seven students in grades 9-12 and four adults have signed up for the week-long trip (Feb. 13-20) to the city of Matagalpa in Nicaragua. It's the first time a team of local students will head out on a trip led by the faith-based, non-profit charity.

"This is a big deal," said McKee, who is preparing the team for their adventure.

Founded in 2002 by local residents Barry Hart and Heather Alloway, Water Ambassadors sends teams from across Canada to other parts of the world to drill and repair wells, set up purification systems, distribute water filters, and teach health and hygiene.

The cost of the trip is $3,000 per person. This amount includes airfare, transportation, translators and the cost of the projects they will be working on. Immunization shots and other health requirements are an additional expense.

In order to come up with the money, students are busy fundraising at school and in the community. McKee said they raised about $240 by giving out blue candies (which they made) for a donation. They also raised $640 through a bottle drive at The Beer Store in Haliburton.

"I can't believe how supportive the kids have been," she said, referring to the rest of the school. "Honestly, it's been amazing."

McKee noted many of the people who made a trip to the bottle drive weren't going there to buy beer. They just wanted to show their support.

While in Matagalpa, the team will not only repair wells in the area but they will also lend a hand to develop the first school for children with special needs and disabilities.

"In Nicaragua, if you're handicapped or have special needs, you don't go to school," explained McKee, who has been involved with Water Ambassadors since 2010.

They will paint desks, teach English and play with the kids.

"We're just going to work around the school and have a lot of fun, too," she added.

Grade 12 student Cole Finlay recalls being approached by Archibald, a friend of his, about going on the trip. Finlay felt it was the perfect opportunity to cross off an item on his bucket list.

"I want to come back here and show that you can be happy and have nothing, and here you've got everything but you still want more," he said.

Although it's his first mission trip, Finlay is familiar with well drilling. This past summer he worked for Casey's Water Well and Geothermal in Haliburton.

One of the highlights of the trip, he said, is the fact he will be going with friends.

Kyle Lavergne, also a Grade 12 student, learned about the opportunity through his parents, both of whom are friends of McKee's.

"At first I wasn't going to do it because I'll be missing school, but I'll just get my school work done beforehand," said Lavergne, whose younger sister Kiana is also going.

He is looking forward to leaving the country for his first mission trip—and isn't concerned about the large sum of money the team needs to raise to do it.

"We're all motivated to do it because what we're doing is a good thing," he said.

Lavergne's sister is the only Grade 9 student going on the trip.

"I've been on trips, but I've never helped people out in this kind of way," said Kiana, adding she is "extremely grateful" for what she has.

"Just seeing how it is down there and coming back home, I should be very happy for what I have."

Grade 12 student Regan Casey is looking forward to spending time with the locals in Nicaragua.

"I want to see what their everyday life is like. I also want to bring stuff home to learn from that," said Casey.

For the past few years, he has spent time training people at a water well camp run by Water Ambassadors. Ironically, he's never been on one of their mission trips.

Since she has been on several trips with the organization, McKee is encouraging the students to make the most of the experience. Her advice to the group is to stay in the moment, "leave their gadgets at home and immerse themselves in the culture."

"They're going to have no idea what this does for their life," she said.

The team will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Haliburton United Church on Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors and children, and kids under five get in free.

For more information or to donate call McKee at 705-754-5384. More details about Water Ambassadors is available at waterambassadorscanada.org.

Living well

Preventing falls key for seniors

By Courtney Griffin
Contributing writer

Over 100,000 seniors in Ontario are taken to emergency rooms every year as the result of taking a fall. Taking preventative measures can help seniors keep their proverbial and literal feet on the ground, which is also beneficial for health care providers, caregivers, and family.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit recommends that seniors work on lower-body physical fitness and balance, remove clutter and tripping hazards from the home, review medications with their health care providers, and get an annual eye exam. These four tasks make the physical environment safer, while also preparing the body, to reduce the likelihood of falls.

For the upcoming winter months, HKPR Health Promoter Angela Andrews also suggests keeping walkways clear of snow and ice, having a bag of salt or sand nearby to spread on surfaces, and ensuring walkways are well-lit. Andrews also notes that most falls are preventable if proactive measures are taken.

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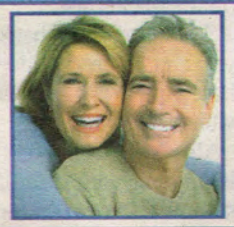

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Living well

Mental health for seniors

By Courtney Griffin
Contributing writer

With nearly 30 per cent of year-round residents over the age of 65, Haliburton County has one of the highest proportions of seniors in Ontario. While mental health issues and mental illnesses often present themselves early on, in the late teen years and early twenties, symptoms can manifest at any point in life. Seniors and the elderly can face additional challenges when dealing with mental illness, including lack of information, difficulties accessing services, and not knowing where to turn for help.

Seeking support and professional help for mental health can be a hard step to take, especially for those who have not grown up in a culture where mental health is openly discussed. Accessing support can be particularly difficult in rural and remote areas such as Haliburton County where services can be limited. Understanding the types of services offered is critical to getting the help necessary for mental wellness.

Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services (HHMHS), based out of Minden, offers a number of programs to help anyone suffering from psychiatric conditions, such as depression, anxiety, psychosis, dementia, and concurrent conditions. Support programs such as counselling, crisis intervention, psychiatric consultations, and case management are available to all adults in the Haliburton Highlands. Services are offered not only to those dealing with mental illnesses, but also to their caregivers, family, and supporters.

Mental Health Services are aware of the difficulties presented by the rural nature of our community, including transportation to and from the main office, and so counsellors are able to go elsewhere when needed. "Counsellors go to homes, hospitals, and out into the community, to meet people wherever they are most comfortable," explained Sarah, a counsellor with Mental Health Services.

Other services offered in the county include the Psychiatric Assessment Services for the Elderly (PASE) for those over the age of 65 seeking mental health help, and the Geriatric Assessment Intervention Network (GAIN) for seniors over 75 years of age who live on their own or in a retirement residence. PASE and GAIN are resources for elderly clients who are dealing with psychiatric symptoms, but also provide caregivers with information. These services require a referral from a doctor, whereas HHMHS is voluntary and allows self-referral.

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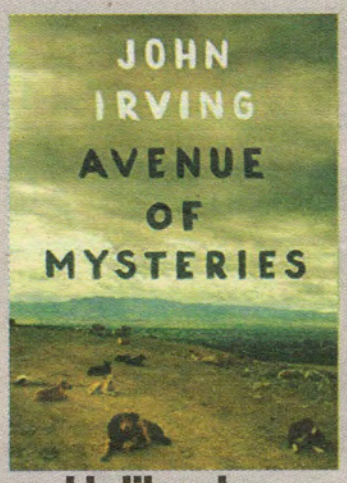

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HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. Avenue of Mysteries by John Irving
2. The Bazaar of Bad Dreams by Stephen King
3. Crimson Shore by Douglas J. Preston

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2016
2. The Brain: the story of you by David Eagleman
3. Food Gift Love: more than 100 recipes to make, wrap, and share by Maggie Battista

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

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What's **Up**

There's an Art Heaven at Rails End

By George Farrell

Billed as a second time around exhibition and fundraiser, Art Heaven is the brainchild of Laurie Jones, curator of the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

In promotion for the event, Jones stated they have collected forgotten and unwanted art from attics, storage containers, closets and studios across Haliburton County and have priced it to fly out of the gallery.

"The art, which runs from paintings to pottery, is an eclectic mix guaranteed to surprise and delight," Jones said. "And the deals are beyond belief."

Even though the gallery receives funding through donations, membership fees, gift shop sales and three levels of government – it is not enough to sustain programming or the quality and number of exhibitions. Unlike the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, Rails End is not municipally owned. Instead, it's owned and operated by the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre organization, a not-for-profit charity enterprise.

Their main fundraiser is the annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival, which takes place in July. Other fundraising efforts take place regularly throughout the year and Art Heaven is one more creative idea from the ever-inventive Jones.

"We're having a little fun with the concept of art, reaching heaven and the pearly gates after it's been lying in limbo in someone's closet, or is no longer appreciated," Jones said. "We asked ourselves why not liberate it? We're giving it the opportunity to be re-born. Art Heaven will find a home for original art with a new family, in a home where it is admired and displayed. We will do this by offering the work at accessibly affordable prices."

But it's a concept that may not sit well with everyone. The idea of recycling no-longer-wanted art at bargain-basement prices, when many artists are struggling to make sales in the first place, might seem like a dubious undertaking to some people. Jones might also have to deal with the occasional artist who objects to a work they've created being on sale at Art Heaven at a price much reduced from its original price tag, or what the artists thinks its worth.

These are considerations Jones is willing to deal with, and doesn't take lightly.

"It's a grey area," she said. "We could talk more about that because the re-sale of art is something that's been debated for centuries. But artists should realize once they sell their work, it is no longer theirs."

"But is it ethical for art to be put away where nobody can see it?" she asked. Point taken. From my perspective art should be seen. There is also the affordability factor to consider. Not everyone can afford to purchase original art from a gallery where the sticker price also includes the hefty gallery mark-up. That's another reason why I support the concept of Art Heaven; it has the potential to put art into the homes of some people who might not otherwise have it. In that light, Art Heaven is helping to support artists by broadening the popularity of arts in the area.

Jones has been somewhat surprised by the positive response. She said she's finding art waiting for her, propped up against the door in the morning when she comes in. "It's like finding a baby on the doorstep," she said with a chuckle.

Jones said she anticipates over 100 pieces will be donated and a goal of $2,000 is what the gallery is striving to accomplish by hosting the fundraiser. While most of the art is original, Jones said any reproductions will be identified as such. There are ceramics and textiles to be had, as well as jewellery (some of it from Mexico and Finland) and some very interesting paintings. There are works by Renee Woltz, D.A. Risk, Lisa Barry, Susan Hay, Bronwen Rolfe and Kevin Dunlop. Curator Jones, an accomplished artist in her own right, has donated a piece, as have I. But most of the art was not donated by the artists who created them.

My favourites, from among those pieces I saw in an advance viewing, were bright and intricate watercolour paintings by C. A. Pritchard which feature colourful characters from a carnival. There is one painting of a floozy fortune teller that I have my eye on. I love art that shows some humour and Pritchard's pieces have that in spades.

An interesting side benefit of the exhibition, for those who purchase, is that they get to take their piece home with them instead of having to wait until the end of the show.

This is a great, early opportunity to acquire a unique Christmas present for that special someone, so don't miss out on Art Heaven at the Rails End Gallery, 23 York Street, in Haliburton Village. The exhibition runs from Nov. 20 to Dec. 19 and art will be accepted up to the opening date. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information, check out railsendgallery.com or phone 705-457-2330.

Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Rails End Gallery curator Laurie Jones poses with a Jane Orr painting entitled Mushrooms, one of the many pieces donated to Art Heaven.

Highlander arts

A weekend of weaving connections

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

Julie McIntyre has had a vision of bringing the Haliburton School of Fine Arts (HSFA) past students and faculty together for the past eight years. On Nov. 13-15 at the Bonnie View Inn in Haliburton, McIntyre's vision became a reality.

McIntyre is the coordinator of the expressive arts program offered at Fleming College. The eight week, intensive program takes place annually in the spring and is a graduate program where students are required to have already obtained a degree to enrol.

Over 30 people, inclusive of alumni and a few teachers, recounted their time at the College and 'weaved connections', as the theme of the event encouraged. Some traveled from as far as Nova Scotia, Toronto and Ottawa to participate.

"I don't think people understand, this program is the best kept secret in North America," McIntyre said in reference to the HSFA and the recognition and quality of the program.

Over the course of the weekend, there were ten participant-led workshops, including one led by Elspeth MacEwan, where the creation of a communal dream catcher-like web of art was put together by the whole group. Everyone also contributed to a banner made out of weaved yarn pieces to symbolize the connections made.

The part reunion and part retreat featured Fay Wilkinson as keynote speaker. Wilkinson has taught every year of the program until the end of this year. She opened the weekend drawing parallels between the sociable weaver, a bird that breeds and nests in a social manner. Wilkinson said retreat goers could learn from the bird's characteristics and use them in their own lives.

"I think everybody that's been through the program considers her the mother of expressive arts in the community here in Haliburton," McIntyre said. Wilkinson has been around from the beginning, as a student, teacher and coordinator of the expressive arts program. According to McIntyre, most of the students in attendance (with the exception of one) had been taught by her at one point.

McIntyre also believes the people who attended the reunion currently use the skills they learned through the program, to do many good things.

Former student Irene Gabinet was happy to be able to connect with some of her old classmates.

"There's a whole host of reasons why I'm here," Gabinet said, "to connect with other expressive arts practitioners, to learn new things, to be up in nature and to see some of my good friends again."

Gabinet uses art making and drama skills that she obtained through the Expressive Arts Program in her work at a social recreational drop-in centre in Toronto, specifically for LGBT seniors.

She also conducts workshops for social workers and healthcare providers, using the arts in teaching self-care and to help process and mitigate the impact of doing front line service work.

Gabinet's former classmate, Karen Bell, graduated from the program four years ago. Bell works at Georgian College in Orillia, but is on currently on professional development leave doing work using expressive arts, modalities, to support people who are experiencing trauma.

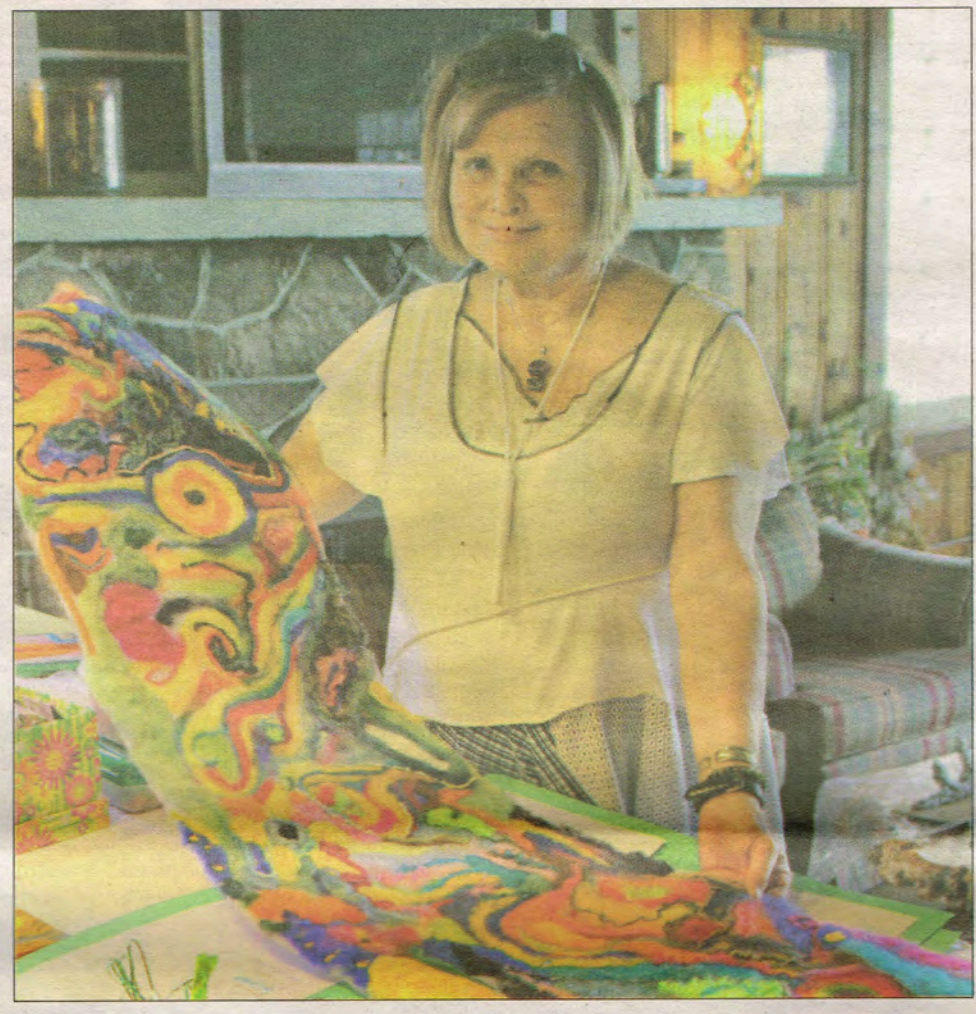
"I use all kinds of the skills that I used in the program, in my classroom," she said. Bell teaches policing and uses it in for the classes she gives around mental health training. She also uses similar skills when working with at risk youth.

"If I buy into it, they buy into it," Bell said. "I would highly recommend this program. It certainly gets people out of their comfort zone and increases creativity."

McIntyre said from the very beginning of the weekend, people were asking when the retreat could happen again, prompting the planning of next year's to begin.

"We have a committee of four, two from Haliburton and two from away, who are ready to start and take the planning forward from here.

The HSFA is accepting applications for the next Expressive Arts Program start on April 25, 2016. For more information, visit http://flemingcollege.ca/programs/expressive-arts.



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Coordinator of the Expressive Arts Program at the Haliburton School of the Arts, Julie McIntyre, holds up a woven banner made of many pieces of coloured yarn.

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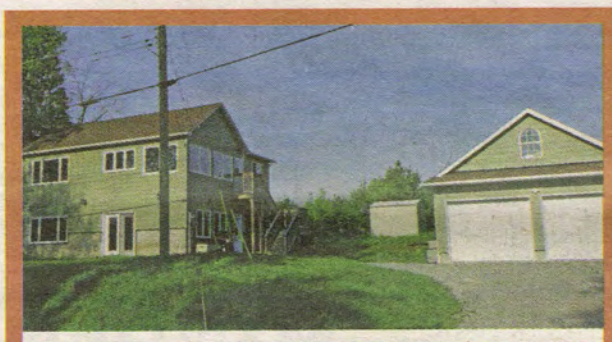

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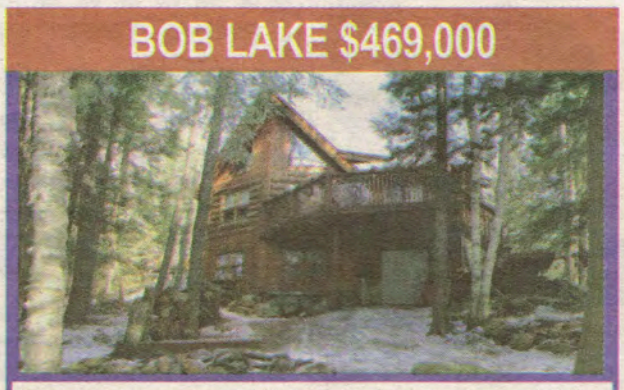

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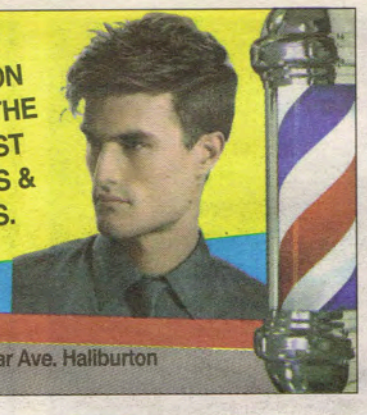

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The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team had a successful weekend at the 2015 Campbellford Bantam Tournament. Highlights include player of the game Nigel Smith scoring the overtime goal and Shawn Walker being named most valuable player. (See page 28 for game coverage.)

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Hockey parents in for the win

When winter arrives, a special community is formed behind the scenes

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Hockey parents do more than cheer.

The noise they make behind the boards can be intense, but so are the countless hours they dedicate to hockey associations around the country. In Haliburton County, it's no different.

Greg and Lisa Turner have three boys playing rep hockey. Their story as hockey parents resonates with thousands of others. Up until Trevor, Paul and Tim finally outgrew their hockey bags, they carried it for them to and from the arena. The long drives to games, which frequently last hours, are only a small part of their dedication to the organization.

But it has always been worth it.

"We love the game," Lisa said. "And we've developed life-long friendships."

Lisa has been a member of the Haliburton Storm's executive committee since 2011, and is largely responsible for the association's registration process. Greg is a trainer for the Bantam team. Their restaurant, the Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House, has been a sponsor of the Storm since the league's inaugural year in 2001.

The cherished memories are just a small part of the whole experience.

"There are a collection of moments," Greg said. "Watching a player score his first goal, or watching someone come out of their shell … I watched a kid go from super quiet to captain of his team."

> *There are a collection of moments. Watching a player score his first goal, or watching someone come out of their shell.*
>
> Greg **Turner**

Their own children have created special moments as well. From winning provincial championships to simply getting better each year, the Turners have lots to be proud of.

Shannon Walker, parent of Bantam hockey player Shawn Walker, feels the same way.

"I love to see his excitement," Walker said. "He eats and breathes hockey."

Walker is this year's manager of the bantam team. She helps organize tournaments and keeps tabs on where the money goes. She also keeps other parents in the loop regarding schedules and cancellations.

"It can be a lot of work but I try to do the best work that I can because it's a great group of kids and a great group of parents," Walker said. She added that after a short amount of time, other parents' children start to become like her own and a new family flourishes during the winter months.

When it does come to their young ones, however, the bond is truly special.

Joanna Sisson's son plays goalie on the Storm Bantam team. Watching a son or daughter skate around the ice is one thing, but knowing your child is the last line of defense, she explained, adds another layer of pressure.

"Everyone almost always asks me during games, 'how's he doing, are you nervous?' And it still is a little nerve-wracking sometimes," Sisson said.

But after many years of watching Carson stop shots, it's become less of a challenge for her to watch him from the stands.

"Shootouts are still tough," she laughed. "If he loses a shootout, he'll talk about what he could have done differently, but he's not someone who dwells on a loss for very long."

Sisson describes the role of a hockey parent as a unique social life that can't be found anywhere else.

"It's just great meeting new parents each year and forming friendships," she said.

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Lisa and Greg Turner have three boys playing hockey and are big supporters of the Storm organization.

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1 Joe Boice PeeWee A

Weekly Game Summary

Joe earns the distinction as our first repeat 3-star recipient based on his performance this weekend, recording an unbelievable 14 points over two games. It started on Friday night as the Storm faced off against the South Muskoka Bears. Joe showed off his playmaking ability, recording five assists, along with a goal in a 9-0 win. Joe's torrent pace didn't slow down on Sunday, as he was in pure sniper mode, notching an astounding six goals and three helpers in a 13-0 win against the Muskoka Rock.

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2 Dylan Keefer PeeWee A

Weekly Game Summary

On a team that has the uncanny ability to score at will, it would be understandable for some players to have an off game, in anticipation of teammates picking up their slack. That certainly isn't the case with Dylan, who has been an absolute beast the entire season. This weekend wasn't an exception, as Dylan racked up 10 points in 2 games over a weekend culminating with a score differential of 22-0 in favour of our Storm.

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3 Jayce Mills Midget A

Weekly Game Summary

Th Tyke Storm hit the road this weekend for a couple games against The South Muskoka Bears and The Centre Hastings Grizzlies respectively. The weekend saw our Tyke's come away victorious with a 4-1 win against the Bears, and 5-1 against the Grizzlies. Jace lit the lamp on four different occasions over the weekend, recording a hat trick against the Grizzlies. The tyke team is in action again on Saturday as they face off against Tweed in Wilberforce.

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Initiation 1: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
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Highland Storm Atom A
vs.
Huntsville Otters

Highland Storm

Bantam As tournament champs

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team participated in the Campbellford tournament on Nov. 14. Their first game was against the home team, the Campbellford Colts.

This game was full of back and forth action, with a scoreless first period. The evenly matched teams continued the action, but scored no goals in the second period. Late in the third, a face-off in the Colts end saw Shawn Walker take a hard shot from the point and Owen Gilbert capitalized on the rebound for the first Storm goal.

Minutes later, the Storm kept the pressure on with a pass from Nigel Smith to Isaac Little as he moved in and ripped a shot passed the goalie. That gave the Storm the win.

Next, they met with the Napanee Stars and lost 3-0. The finals put them against the Napanee Stars once more, but this time they were prepared for the battle. Half way through the first period, Owen Gilbert's tenacious effort got him in, passed the defense and he made it 1-0 for the Storm. Late in the first, the Storm dominating on a power play, Nik Dollo fed Lucas Haedicke a pass and he shot in the next goal, ending the first period. The Colts came out strong in the second and quickly scored two goals. Some great passes by Owen Gilbert and Nigel Smith found Tanner Crang ready to chip it in, ending the second period 3-2 for the Storm. The Colts managed a power play goal in the third and sent the game into overtime. That began with three on three play. Nigel Smith got off on a breakaway and scored the winning goal. The Bantam A team were tournament Champs!!

Tykes win both out-of-town games

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

On Nov. 13, the Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team traveled to Gravenhurst to play the South Muskoka Bears.

The Storm dominated play from the beginning of the game right through until the end. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Jace Mills, Liam Harrison and Vanek Logan. Excellent defensive play and goaltending limited the scoring chances for the Bears. The game ended in a 4-1 win for the Storm.

After their win on Friday, the Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team traveled to Madoc to have a rematch with Centre Hastings on Nov. 14.

Once again, Centre Hastings had a tough time reaching the net with the solid defensive play by Connor Byrne, Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Josh Scheffee. Our fearless goaltender Chase Winder stood strong and rose to the challenge.

The offensive attack was led by Brechin Johnston, Vanek Logan and Jace Mills. Strong passing and skating by Brady Burtch, MacLean Rowden and Parker Simms helped the Storm seal the 5–1 victory. Way to go Storm! The Tyke team is in action again on Nov. 28 when they host Tweed in Wilberforce.

Novice played two strong games

Submitted by Amber Card

The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm hosted the Port Carling Muskoka Rocks on Nov. 14 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

The game started off slow for the Highland Storm. The team was down 2-0, but they were able to tie the game 2-2 by the end of the second period with a goal from Kadin Card and Colby Coumbs.

The third period was high-paced and the Highland Storm fought every minute but unfortunately they lost 4-2 to the Port Carling Muskoka Rocks. It was a tough loss.

The second game was played in Bracebridge against the Bracebridge Bears. It was an awesome win for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm with a score of 3-2.

The game was non-stop action. It started with a great goal by Beckam Reynolds, however Bracebridge answered with a goal to tie the game 1-1. The next goal was scored by Cheyenne Degeer. There was only minutes left in the game when Cheyenne Degeer got her second goal, making it 3-1.

However, Bracebridge did not going to give up and scored a second goal, making it 3-2 for the final score. What an awesome game and the Highland Storm played amazing. Way to go, Timber Mart Novice!

Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm will host a tournament in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Nov. 21-22. The first game is at 10 a.m. on Nov. 21. Come out and support your hockey community.

Tough weekend for Midget As

Submitted by Katie and Dave Howe

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team had a busy weekend, playing three games, two of which were on the road.

On Nov. 13, they kicked it off at home against the Huntsville Otters with a closely contested battle. The first period ended even at zero, the second finished even at two with the home side on a 5-3 power play. They were unable to capitalize and the swing in momentum quickly flowed to Huntsville as they found the back of the net five times in the third for a 7-2 final.

The squad found themselves in Bracebridge on Nov. 14 for an afternoon matinee against the South Muskoka Bears. Once again they were knotted after one at 0-0 thanks to the play in net of Parker "The Smolen Wall" Smolen, but in the second the Bears, with their unrelenting offence, tallied three for a 3-0 lead after two.

The third period saw the Highlanders stage a comeback on the shoulders of Chris Thompson with two goals but, alas, could not find the equalling marker ending 3-2.

Finally, on Nov. 15 the boys in blue visited the Penetang Flames for another matinee match-up. A travel weary squad took to the ice and the first period ended in a 3-1 lead for the Flames with the sole tally by Chris Thompson. The Highlanders could not muster much else and the game finished 6-1 for the home side.

The busiest road trip weekend of the season did produce a couple of highlight performances from Chris Thompson scoring three of the clubs five goals for the three games – and goaltender Smolen stopping over 50 shots in Saturday's game. The Midget A's will continue to test themselves this week with another three game weekend, the first two in Minden, starting with Almaguin Nov. 20 at 9:30 p.m. and then Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. against Parry Sound.

PeeWee AEs fought hard, lose three

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Walkers Heating & Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Highland Storm PeeWee AE's played against the Huntsville Otter's on Nov. 14 in Minden's S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

The Otter's scored early, forcing the Storm to kill off a penalty to keep the score 1-0. Tyler Martin got a beauty bar down goal but the Otter's came back with two quickies to open up a 3-1 lead.

Ben Robinson scored shorthanded, however the Otter's replied with a power play goal making it 4-2 Otters.

The Otter's would score four unanswered goals in the second period – but the game was much closer than the 8-2 scoreboard showed. Tim Turner and Tyler Martin scored mid-way through the third to make things interesting but the Otter's would score twice more to take a 10-4 victory. The Storm player of the game was winger, Curtis Mulock.

Storm reports

On Nov. 15, the PeeWee AE's faced off against the Muskoka Rock A team at A.J. LaRue Arena. The first period saw a lot of end to end action but the Storm found themselves down by three to start the second period.

The Rock would score three more before Tyler Martin's wrist shot goal following an end to end rush. The Rock made it 9-1 early in the third before the Storm found the back of the net on a nice passing play between winger Martin and Brendan Coumbs. Kolby McGovern scored quickly on a Storm power play with helpers from Martin and Coumbs.

The Storm had two players in the penalty box and the team was killing time quite well, until a Rock shot made it barely over the goal line giving the Rock an 11-3 lead. Despite being down by such a margin the team never let up and had a few close chances for goals in the last minutes. The final score was 12-3 Muskoka Rock and the player of the game was defenseman, Tim Turner.

PeeWee AEs outscore opponents 22–0

Submitted by Trevor Maddok

On Nov. 14 the Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Peewee A team traveled to Bracebridge to face the Bears in the first of two games in three nights over the weekend.

The Storm struck early and often laying waste to the Bears and proving to be nightmarish to play against. Entering the third with a commanding lead, the Storm erupted for six third period goals, and eventually finished off the Bears 9-0. Team captain Alex Little netted a hat-trick and added four helpers, while Joe Boice had one goal and four assists. Tyson Clements potted a goal and had three assists. Jake Sission had a goal and an assist and Colin Glecoff added two assists in the win. Darian Maddock recorded his fifth shutout on the year.

On Nov. 15, Muskoka Rock had the displeasure of facing the Peewee A team in what was expected to be a good matchup. That idea quickly vanished as the Storm put up six first period goals. Those goals went unanswered by the Rock. At the end of the first period, Joe Boice had a natural hat-trick and an assist, with Colin Glecoff and Nick Phippen adding three points each in the opening period. The domination continued in the second with the Storm adding three more goals and increasing the lead to 9-0.

In the third, the lead continued to swell as the storm put up another four tallies to bury their opponents. Darian Maddock extended his shutout streak to six periods. In the two games in three days, the storm outscored their opponents a staggering 22-0.

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November 15 - 7:30 PM
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Bobcaygeon Storm, 9-4W

November 19 - 7:30 PM
in Haliburton, VS South
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November 21 - 7:30 PM
in Seguin VS Parry Sound
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Highlander sports

Two towns face off in curling

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Curlers from Minden and Haliburton have been facing off for more than three decades during the annual interclub bonspiel.

Sixty-four curlers from both clubs took part in the first round of this year's tournament held on Nov. 18 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

"There are a lot of friendships that have been built up between the two clubs," said Mary Hillaby, president of the Haliburton club. "There isn't any rivalry between Minden and Haliburton. It's more of a recreational day."

In the morning, the 16 teams were piped in by Fraser MacDonald. They were provided lunch and prizes were handed out at the end of the day.

The teams played two, six-end games. The points they earned will carry forward to their next matchup in Minden on Jan. 12.

Although Haliburton has prevailed the past two years, Rick Ashall, past president of the Haliburton club, said it's always been close.

He added the event has been an annual tradition for 35-40 years.

Photo by Mark Arike
Fraser MacDonald pipes in curlers at the Haliburton/Minden Interclub Bonspiel.

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Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Nov. 9

MEN
High average: Claude Cote – 217
High single: Claude Cote – 348
High single handicap: Claude Cote – 360
High triple: Claude Cote – 784
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 820
WOMEN
High average: Chris Cote – 186
High single: Chris Cote – 243
High single handicap: Chris Cote – 275
High triple: Chris Cote – 591
High triple handicap: Chris Cote – 687

Monday night, Nov. 9

MEN
High average: Joey Cox– 260
High single: Joey Cox – 302
High single handicap: Joey Cox – 338
High triple: Joey Cox – 782
High triple handicap: Joey Cox– 890
WOMEN
High average: Cathy Snell – 244
High single: Cathy Snell – 326
High single handicap: Cathy Snell – 326
High triple: Cathy Snell – 766
High triple handicap: Teresa Cement – 776

Tuesday afternoon, Nov.10

MEN
High average: Claude Cote – 217
High single: Claude Cote – 260
High single handicap: Bill Clendenning – 302
High triple: Claude Cote – 741
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 771
WOMEN
High average: Chris Cote – 180
High single: Chris Cote – 208
High single handicap: Johanna Hayward – 264
High triple: Chris Cote – 521
High triple handicap: Johanna Hayward – 682

Special Olympics, Oct. 28

MEN
Russell Whetstone– 173
Casey Heley – 143
Robert Boccitto – 139
WOMEN
Skylar Pratt – 172
Kim Buie– 138
Sarah Hudson – 126

Thurs. afternoon, Nov. 12

MEN
High average: Gerry Wagg – 201
High single: Gerry Wagg – 240
High single handicap: Ben Dentinger – 269
High triple: Gerry Wagg – 637
High triple handicap: Gerry Wagg – 700
WOMEN
High average: Barb Ballantyne – 184
High single: Gloria Wagg – 301
High single handicap: Gloria Wagg – 346
High triple: Gloria Wagg – 653
High triple handicap: Gloria Wagg – 700

Friday afternoon, Nov. 13

MEN
High average: Claude Cote – 212
High single: Claude Cote – 275
High single handicap: Jim Griffith – 329
High triple: Claude Cote – 645
High triple handicap: Paul Cameron – 786
WOMEN
High average: Chris Cote – 177
High single: Ren Higgins – 213
High single handicap: Ren Higgins – 265
High triple: Ren Higgins – 561
High triple handicap: Ren Higgins – 717

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Highlander events

Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Snowflake Bazaar supports local legion

Local vendors gathered at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton on Nov. 14 for the annual Snowflake Bazaar. Hosted by the Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary, the event featured over 20 artisan's creations. The Ladies Auxiliary supports the local branch through fundraisers, like the Bazaar, and through other initiatives, under the direction of current president Cheryl James (right). James and Snowflake Bazaar coordinator Mary Hambly (left) pose with return vendor, Angie Steckle from Steckle Lanterns, who has been part of the annual fundraiser for the past three years.

Film festival draws cottagers in November

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

The Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) came to a close on Nov. 15 to "record crowds" to report for their ninth year.

"With sold-out VIP passes and walk-up ticket sales, the three-day festival had full houses for all eight movies on the bill," said Marci Mandel from Those Other Movies in a press release.

Those Other Movies is "a non-profit organization run by volunteers and operates as part of the Film Circuit, a division of the Toronto International Film Festival", according to their website.

"The show (HIFF) is definitely on an exponential growth curve," said Lisa Kerr, who is also on the planning committee for HIFF and Those Other Movies. Kerr commented on how the proceeds from HIFF and previous initiatives have allowed the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion the funding to purchase a brand new, high-definition projector and DVD system they were able to use for the last few films.

A few of those blockbuster films, Ida, winner of the 2015 Oscar for best foreign film, and This Changes Everything, based on Naomi Klein's bestseller, packed the Pavilion with return movie-goers and many new ticket holders who are already talking of returning next year.

"At four years, we thought about cancelling," said HIFF committee member and emcee for the weekend, Tammy Rea. "But now the theatre is packed with cottagers who are coming now, who keep their cottages open and stay for the whole weekend in November."

The last film aired was Al Purdy Was Here, a documentary on the famous Canadian poet. After the show, the crowd headed to McKeck's for a wrap party where Michael Fay and other local poets and storytellers paid tribute to Purdy.

HIFF's 10th anniversary is already in the works and the committee has plans for it to be big. It is set for Nov. 4-6, 2016 and more information will be posted when it becomes available at haliburton-movies.com.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a public hearing on:

DATE:	Monday, November 30, 2015
TIME:	9:30 a.m.
LOCATION:	Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2015047, PLMV2015054, and PLMV2015055**. The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 45 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2015047 - Part of Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden, being Part 1 of Reference Plan 19R-4738; municipally known as 1025 Canfield Lane; and being located on Canning Lake.

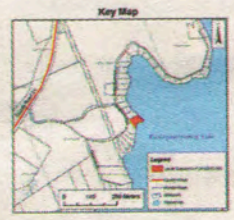
Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming use (boathouse) and allow for a rooftop patio above the boathouse.

The applicant seeks relief from Section 4.7.2 of the Zoning By-law to permit a 0.15 m. (6") increase in height to the existing 3.7 m. (12') tall boathouse together with the conversion of the existing peaked roof to a rooftop patio and 1.6 m^2 (17.3 sq.ft) addition, plus associated stairs, to the existing 14 m^2 (150 sq.ft.) boathouse.

PLMV2015054 - Part of Lot 13, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1034 Turning Leaf Lane.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a dwelling to the rear of the accessory buildings.

The applicant seeks relief from Section 4.1.3(b) to allow the three existing accessory buildings (sheds) to be located closer to the street line than the principal building (proposed dwelling).



PLMV2015055 - Part of Lot 21, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, being Lot 1 of Registered Plan 463, and Part 1 of Reference Plan 19R-9087; municipally known as 1023 King Fisher Lane; and being located on Kashagawigamog Lake.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the reconstruction, and reconfiguration, of a legal non-conforming use (oversized sleeping cabin), together with an addition to the non-complying dwelling located within 15 m. (49'6") of the High Water Mark which would encroach an additional 0.6m. (2') towards the water and would result in a setback of 8.2 m. (27').

The applicant seeks relief from Section 4.7.2 of the Zoning By-law to permit the reconstruction of the oversized sleeping cabin based on a modified floor plan, and from Section 4.7.4(ii) & (iv) to permit a 28% increase (29.7m^2 [320 sq.ft.]) to the existing 107m^2 (1,152 sq.ft.) dwelling and its further encroachment of 0.6 m. (2') towards the High Water Mark.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications are welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclendening@mindenhills.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

MORE INFORMATION: Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours..

Dated this 19th day of November, 2015

Ian Clendening, MPI.
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

Highlander events

Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Scot Denton, Highlands Summer Festival artistic producer, reveals the line-up for the 2016 season.

Summer festival with a twist

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

As one festival finished in the Highlands, the line-up for another was announced on Nov. 15 at the Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) wrap party.

The gathering was held at McKeck's Tap and Grill, where supporters first celebrated the completion of HIFF a poetry reading featuring works by the late Al Purdy, the star of the last featured film.

Taking advantage of a captive audience, Highlands Summer Festival president Jack Brezina and artistic producer Scot Denton officially launched the 16th annual festival season that will begin on July 4, 2016.

"I am so delighted today to see so many people from various aspects of what happens," Brezina said to the nearly 50 people in the room. "We are so appreciative of those who volunteer their time," he said, naming those who work front of house, control lighting, create set design, props and even those who take care of the wigs – as integral parts of every show.

Denton, who has been working on the festival for the past 11 years, said the 2016 season will have something for everyone.

"It will be fun and challenging for us; one that will help us to grow as a company and individuals, I hope.

Denton named five productions, three of which that will be produced by the summer festival staff.

"The three we will produce are a comedy, a comedy-drama and a musical," he said. "It has been a musical we have wanted to do for a number of years, but you need a certain set of resources to do it. You need young people."

Denton was met with resounding applause when he revealed the festival with open "with one of the most popular musicals ever," Lionel Bart's Oliver! on July 4, 2016 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"It is a big show, a big cast," he said. In a press release, Denton noted the story, based on the writing of Charles Dickens and filled with familiar melodies, Oliver! "features a delightful case of characters who eke out a hard-scrabble life on the mean streets of London in the early 1800's."

The second show is a Norm Forster comedy, entitled Old Love, it's a story of emotions rekindled between two people who have lost their spouses and who aren't quite sure about getting into a relationship again at their respective ages.

The third production, also to be produced in-house, is a Noel Coward play, Fallen Angels. A 1925 original, it is a comedic piece focused on the sea change in mores that followed World War I.

"With themes that resonate today, this much celebrated playwright allows his characters to wander deeper into the weeds as they attempt to discover what is the right thing to do," Denton noted in the release.

The other two productions are created by Canadian artists, making three of the five plays Canadian originals The Judgement of Paris, by Tom Allen, CBC Radio Two host, symphony orchestra consultant, author and musician, combines cabaret, storytelling and music and is also set in World War I. Lastly, Miss Caledonia by Melody A Johnson is set in the year 1955 and features a woman named Peggy Ann Douglas, who is set on being a movie star and decides her way to the top will start with winning the local pageant.

"As you can see, it's a great line up," Denton said, thanking Brezina, who in turn thanked the Board of Directors for their hard work in making it all happen.

All of the dates for each of the productions have been posted on the festival's website and season passes are on sale now, which includes all five shows for the season at a cost of $150. Single tickets are $34 and can be ordered at any time once the season passes are processed. To order a season pass or individual tickets, people are encouraged to call 705-457-9933 or visit the website at highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

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In Loving Memory of
Clifford Lawrence Gottinger

On Friday Nov. 6th, 2015, Clifford Lawrence Gottinger, 74, died peacefully at home after a long battle with Wegener's disease.
Lately of Ingoldsby, near Minden, Ontario, Cliff was born in Duff, Saskatchewan. He lived for many years in British Columbia, moving to Toronto, then Beeton and in 1983 bought 100 acres in Emsdale, just north of Huntsville, Ontario. There he spent many happy years building a home on the Magnetawan River, raising his family, hunting and fishing. Cliff worked for the Township of Perry until he retired. Many may remember him as a local hunting guide, a favourite occupation, as he lead many groups during bear, deer and moose seasons. Cliff was a wonderful husband, father, brother, and friend to many. He will be sorely missed by his wife of 35 years, Christine Lloyd, his children Jamie (son) and Jessica Lloyd Gottinger, and Jessie (daughter) and Nathan Buchanan, by his five grandchildren, Cooper, Jacob, Benton, Audrey and Finley, (by his step-daughters from an earlier marriage) Shelley (son, Mitchell) and Allison (daughter, Jessie).Sleeman, by his siblings in B.C. Jean Lewis, Bernice Yurkoski, Terry Desjarlais and Verne Gottinger and by his many other family members and friends. Special thanks to the palliative community care team from the Haliburton Health Services for their wonderful care and support.
Please join the family to celebrate Cliff's life on Saturday, November 28th at **Ingoldsby United Church** (on the corner of Ingoldsby Road County Road 17 [#1741] and Kashagawigamog Lake Road) at 11:00 a.m. refreshments to follow.
In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to Ingoldsby United Church in care of Gail Parish, 1473 Parish Line Road, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

In Loving Memory of
BURNS, Keith Elwood

Passed away at Haliburton Highlands Hospital on Saturday November 14, 2015. Keith Burns of Haliburton, formerly of Lakefield in his 79th year. Loved and missed by his wife 50 years Frances (Vesey). Also missed by his children Scott Burns of Haliburton, Brent Burns of Whistler, B.C. and Heather Sedgwick (Tom) also of Haliburton. Poppa is remembered by Caitlyn, Samantha and Wesley and their mother Anne Marie of Rockwood and by Michael. Survived by his brothers Grant (Doris), Harold and sister-in-law Peggy. Predeceased by his parents Thelma and Garnet and brother Joe. Relatives and friends are invited to call at **THE HENDREN FUNERAL HOMES, LAKEFIELD CHAPEL** on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. A memorial service will be held in the Hendren Chapel on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow in the Heritage Room of the Funeral Home. Private family interment of cremated remains to be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Parkinson Society or Shriners Hospitals for Children. Friends may send condolences, arrange flowers or donations at www.hendrenfuneralhome.com or by calling 705-652-3355.

EVENTS

Saturday November 21 St. Anthony's Catholic Church Annual Christmas Bazaar – Victoria Street, Haliburton – 10:00am – 2:00pm

TRY YOUR HAND AT STAINED GLASS Visible voices open arts studio, Sunday Nov 22. 1:00pm – 3:30pm. $20 or PWYC. 130 Industrial Road, Unit 5 Haliburton. Contact 705-754-4004.

POP-UP SALE Saturday November 21 10:00am-4:00pm Exhale Fitness Studio, 163 Highland Street. Christmas Shopping? No need to leave town! Sales consultants from various direct marketing companies and local businesses will be featuring some wonderful options for your Christmas list! Visit our Facebook event-November Pop-Up Sale or call Jennifer Chapman 705-854-2563 (NO19)

Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Thursday November 19, 2015. 1:00 pm – Haliburton Museum. Wolves of Algonquin Park, presented by Rick Stronks. Public welcome $5, members free. Refreshments available.

LULULEMON's POP UP SHOP is coming to Haliburton! Sunday Nov 22 12:00pm – 4:00pm. Enjoy shopping for your favourite women's & men's yoga apparel at the Light Hatch Yoga Studio. 156 Highland St. Ugly sweater run/walk participants receive 15% off. 705-455-0052 (no19)

YOGA for the HEAT BANK at Light Hatch Yoga Studio. Friday December 4th 7:30pm - 9:00pm. A mix of juicy Vinyasa flow and relaxing Restorative Yoga. $25 – all proceeds to the Heat Bank. Limited space, register on line lighthatch.com. (De3)

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10:00am-noon. (TFN)

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1:00–3:00pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - we care Meetings: Thursdays 12:00–1:00 pm, Sundays 10:30–11:30am. St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility. Minden on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Hyland Crest auditorium and in Haliburton on Thursdays at 1:00pm at Echo Hills. For more info contact Judy Webb at 705-457-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551 (TFN)

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Work days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, based on a 12 hour shift. The shift starts Fridays at 12:00pm (noon).

Interested candidates should submit a resume no later than November 22, 2015 to the attention of:

efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca.

Visit our website **https://haliburtoncounty.ca/** for a detailed job description.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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EVENTS

HALIBURTON VILLAGE
SANTA CLAUS PARADE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 6:30 pm

Bands: **Kawartha Kavaliers, Haliburton Silver Flutes & Correctional Services Pipes & Drums**

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Tree Lighting and Carols" at the "Town Tree" at 6:00 pm and "Winter Warm-Up" at the Legion after the parade

Watch for the Lions Collecting Food & Money For The Food Banks

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Meet Santa in Nature's Place (at the Cultural Centre) and have a free hot chocolate while you wait.

Kids! Don't forget to bring your letter to Santa!

To enter a float please contact Elisha at 286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

MINDEN HILLS

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WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

ELISHA AT 705-286-2298

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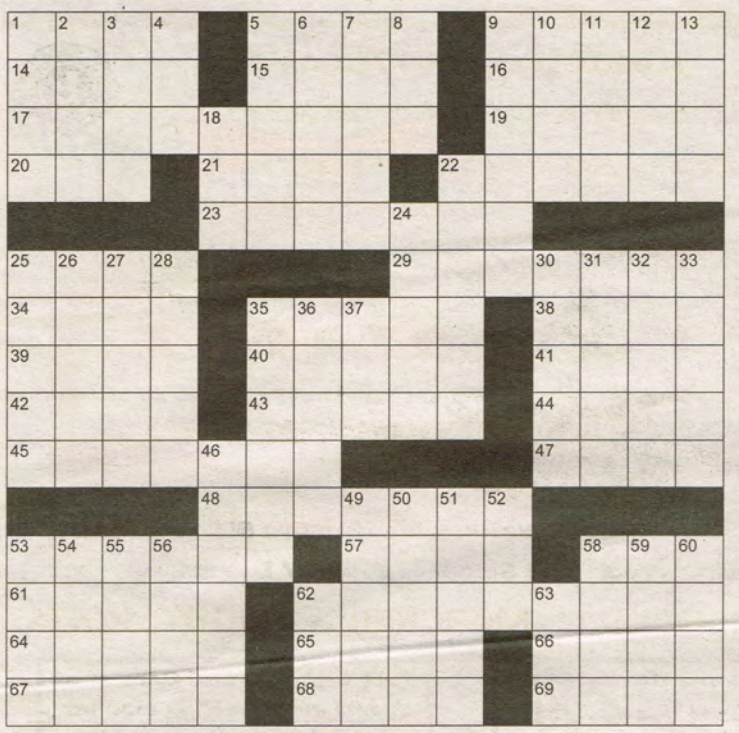

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16. Bert's buddy
17. Lively
19. Indian boat
20. 32nd pres.
21. Unrefined metals
22. Adjusts again
23. Removed
25. File
29. Lettuce variety
34. Female voice
35. Homer Simpson's wife
38. Tragic king
39. Expires
40. Reed instruments
41. Toledo's waterfront
42. Lincoln and Vigoda
43. Go-getters
44. Helper
45. Matured
47. Big quiz
48. Carbon, e.g.
53. Storage area
57. Tehran's land
58. Fourth mo.
61. Broadcast
62. Easily annoyed
64. Little
65. Spool
66. Takes to court
67. Actress ____ Berry
68. Tacks on
69. Right away!

DOWN

1. Musical sign
2. Lend a ____
3. Always
4. Distant
5. Not here
6. Lodge
7. Stand up
8. "Murder, ____"
9. Move back
10. Notable periods
11. Prince Charles's sister
12. Rampage
13. Visualizes
18. "In ____ We Trust"
22. School playtime
24. Golfer ____ Woods
25. Speed trap device
26. Excuse
27. Sharply sloped
28. Sheriff's group
30. Lamb's sound
31. Uncanny
32. Sudden attacks
33. Welcome
35. Early car (2 wds.)
36. Dwelling
37. ____ versus Wade
46. Sewing tool
49. Bogged down
50. Was mistaken
51. Metal fasteners
52. High explosive (abbr.)
53. Singer Johnny ____
54. Peru's capital
55. Uttered
56. Broker's advice
58. Adjoin
59. Petition
60. Pause
62. Retirement acct.
63. Donkey

NOVEMBER 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists - 1:00 pm – Haliburton Museum. Wolves of Algonquin Park, presented by Rick Stronks. Public welcome $5, members free. Refreshments available. **Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services** - 14 IGA Road Heritage Plaza Minden - 10:30am Yoga; 11:30am Drop-in Center; 1:00pm - 2:30pm Self-Esteem group Contact 705-286-4575 19	**Pickle Ball** – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm **Santa Claus Parade** - Haliburton – 6:30pm – Highland Street 20	**Free Flu Shot Clinic** – 1:00pm - 2:45pm - Minden Community Centre **St. Anthony's Catholic Church Annual Christmas Bazaar** – Victoria Street, Haliburton – 10:00am – 2:00pm **POP-UP Sale Christmas shopping** – Exhale Fitness Studio 163 Highland St. – 10:00am – 4:00pm **Santa Claus Parade** – Minden – 11:30 am – Bobcaygeon Road 21	**Creative Interlude** – Visible Voices Art Studio – Industrial Park Road - Try Your Hand At Stained Glass **Visit www.thehighlander.ca for more events and activities in the Haliburton Highlands** 22
MONDAY	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**
Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45pm – 8:45pm 23	**HH Community Education Series** – Eyes, Ears & Feet – Wilberforce Legion 10:00 am – Haliburton United Church 2:00pm – RSVP 705-457-2941 **WRAP** (wellness recovery action plan) group Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services - 14 IGA Rd, Minden - 1:00pm - 2:30pm Contact 705-286-4575 **Stanhope Shuffleboard** – Stanhope Firefighters Hall – 1:00pm – 4:00pm 24	**S.T.O.P.** (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program - 10:30 am. Call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 x2000 **Sexual Health Clinic** - 10:30am – 12:00pm - Call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 x1205 **Mindfulness Group Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services** - 14 IGA RdMinden - 10:00am - 12:30pm Contact 705-286-4575 25	**Haliburton County Historical Society** - Haliburton Museum – Kim Emmerson speaking on his new book – Alexander Niven biography– 1:30pm **Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services** - 14 IGA Road Heritage Plaza Minden - 10:30am Yoga; 11:30am Drop-in Center; 1:00pm - 2:30pm Self-Esteem group Contact 705-286-4575 26

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION NOV. 19 - NOV. 26, 2015

Haliburton Branch
General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.
Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. $2/draw, five draws/five prizes
Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.
Friday fun darts, 4:30 p.m.
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m., $6/person
Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.
Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, doors 6 p.m., $500 jackpot, $1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month
The Highlands Trio, Nov. 21, 4-7 p.m., $5 cover for non-members. Enjoy spaghetti dinner by the Ladies Auxiliary, $5 for non-members.

Minden Branch
Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time.
Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and placing your order. The cook will prepare only the number of orders placed before 6 p.m.
Multi-vendor Christmas Arts and Crafts Sale and Legion Bake Table, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., $15/table.
Monthly raffle, $75 dinner for two at the Mill Pond in Carnarvon.

Wilberforce Branch
Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m.
Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m., Beginners welcome – Come and learn to play.
Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Grey Cup Party, Sunday, Nov. 29, pre-game starts at 5 p.m., kick-off at 6 p.m.
Chili cook-off – $5.00 per person, bring your favourite recipe.

PUZZLES AND LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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What's on

Calling all ugly sweaters for 5K run

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's time to head to your closet in search of the tackiest, most bizarre Christmas sweater you can find.

The worse the better.

On Nov. 22, Dysart will host the third annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run/Walk. Proceeds from the event will support the revitalization of the Haliburton Junction Skate Park.

"This is fun for the whole family because it is all in good spirit," said Andrea Mueller, event organizer and recreation program coordinator for the municipality.

The event first came to be when local resident Angela Andrews approached Mueller with the idea. In its first two years, donations supported the recreation program and the food bank.

This year's event will start and finish at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Walkers and runners will travel around Head Lake, but there will also be a shorter 1.5-kilometre loop within Glebe Park for those who don't want to go the full distance.

Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, tackiest and kids' sweater. Each person will receive a coupon for 15 per cent off their purchase at the Lululemon pop-up event at Light Hatch Yoga studio.

Live music will be provided by Bill Gliddon. Refreshments will also be served.

The entry fee is $10 per person (children 16 and under are free).

Mueller hopes to raise at least $500 for the skate park through the event. More than $19,000 has been raised to date, she said.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. The walk starts at noon.

For more information and to register email Mueller at amueller@dysartetal.ca or call 705-457-1740 ext. 35.

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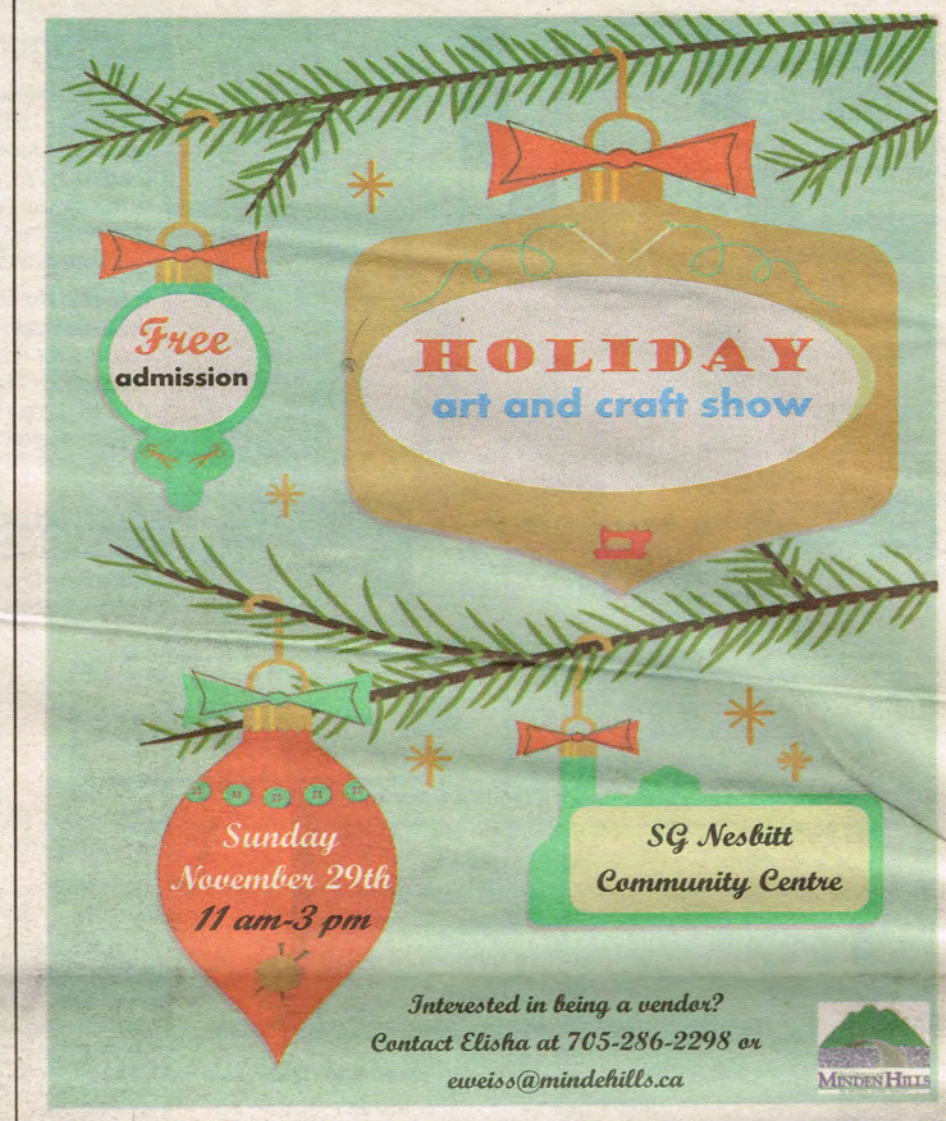

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What's on

Submitted by Eric Lilius

The Haliburton County Folk Society presents Trent Severn on Nov. 21 at the Minden United Church.

Trent Severn partakes in a Haliburton high

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Vocal ensemble Trent Severn has named themselves after a Canadian waterway, sung O Canada on Parliament Hill and even performed for Commander Chris Hadfield while he was on the international space station. They collect postcards from fans around Canada, have been nominated as a group for Canadian Folk Music awards and as individuals for Juno awards. In fact, Trent Severn is a group so Canadian, even concert goers at their shows wear plaid. And so Minden United Church will be filled with audience members wearing plaid, flannel or other forms of Canadiana on Nov. 21 when the Haliburton County Folk Society presents a show by the acclaimed folk trio.

Trent Severn is made up of Juno-nominated artists Emm Gryner and Dayna Manning and Ontario-based fiddler Lindsay Schindler, who replaced original member Laura C. Bates. Their upbeat folk music has been compared to that of Joni Mitchell or Gordon Lightfoot, and they focus their songwriting on Canadian culture and the community of small towns. "Where I live, there are people who are just dying to get out but I think it's the most amazing place, and that's after living in Montreal, L.A. and New York," said Gryner in a press release. "We all see the beauty and appreciate different things in the smaller places that are the real heartbeat of Canada." On their self-titled debut and this year's recently-released Trillium, the band sings songs like, "Stealin's Syrup," "Bluenose On A Dime," and "Mulroney Times." On their latest album, they've included a song called Haliburton High, written on a drive to cottage country, and From Canada, which was written in tribute to Canadian artist and ultralight aircraft enthusiast Bill Lishman who famously helped lead a flock of Canadian geese in a migration.

"We want to honour a particular legacy left behind by the great songwriters of Canadiana," said Manning in a press release. "We take this very seriously and we really feel grateful to live in this country and want to share that with our audience and we want our audience to share their love and their stories with us." Trent Severn will perform at the Minden United Church on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at The Source in Haliburton, the Organic Times in Minden or online at haliburtonfolk.com.

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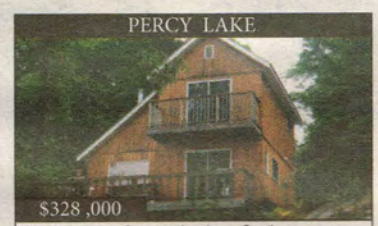

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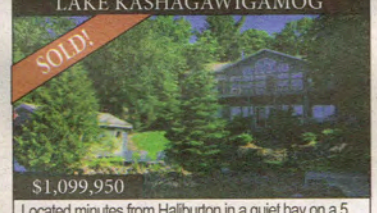

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